

be one of those Rights and Privileges, you intend, whenever you shall leave this Government, to deliver up to your Successor; we will be rejected as unknown and unnecessary in this Government.

would not willingly, from what is past, conceal any Thing from our Knowledge, which it may be proper we should know; if an interested Reader should, we cannot help it. Assistance heretofore given by you to the House of Assembly, in their public Consultations, would have afforded us some Reason, to expect you would have pursued the same course now, had not this unlucky Affair of Mr. Paoli, convinced us of the contrary; and there but too much Room to apprehend, that had before we sent to request Mr. Ridout to attend, your Excellency upon the Occasion, you had judged the Subject improper for the Knowledge of the Public, and we should have as little Satisfaction, upon the Point of our Enquiry, as we are like to have at present.

After the View your Excellency was pleased to us, of the Rights of the several Branches of the Legislature, with regard to each other; and the Senic of our Treatment of you, in the Person of a Gentleman you were pleased to distinguish by the Appellation of your Secretary, it is no wonder you should conclude with intrusting us with the Matters you recommended to our Consideration an immediate Place in our Deliberations, and putting us in Mind of the heavy Load, making suitable Provision for those Services, necessarily lay upon the People; that it be a Burden to us the more to lighten their Burthens, in our Respects; and that we might greatly contribute to it, by diligently attending the Public Affairs, and carefully avoiding all such Steps as only tend to protract the Session; as you can possibly entertain Hopes, by that Means, to draw off our Attention from a Medica- tion of our Rights and Privileges. And we here take the Freedom to observe, that the Time spent in public Enquiries, in Endeavours to redress of the Grievances the People labour under, and in the Support of the Rights and Privileges of this House, must necessarily lay upon us an heavy Burthen; yet, we are well assured, the People themselves, that as they plainly see unavoidable, they shall cheerfully submit to it, the lesser Evil.

And, may it please your Excellency, as we have, in all the Dispatch in our Power, done what is incumbent on us, towards making Provision for the Services recommended to us, we shall hope the full and uninterrupted Enjoyment of our Rights and Privileges, while we proceed on such Matters as we think may tend to the public Good.

Decemb. 2, 1757.
HENRY HOOPER, Speaker.
THE GOVERNOR'S ANSWER to be in our next.]

LONDON, September 25.
Extract of a Letter from Leghorn, September 4.

THE Progress which the Malcontents of Corsica have made, since the Appearance of the English Fleet off that Island, is considerable. Paoli has got together upwards of 1000 Men, with which he seems resolved to besiege Bastia. On this Occasion M. de Vaux, the French Commandant in that Island, sent a very imperious and ridiculous Message to Paoli, demanding the Reasons of his Behaviour, in attacking a Place garrisoned by French Troops. To which Paoli made a very sensible and spirited Answer, telling, that had a Genoese Governor asked in the Question, he should have returned him a satisfactory Answer; but that, for that very Reason which De Vaux grounded his Authority upon, he thought himself justified in refusing to be at all accountable to him for his Proceedings. That they were in Arms against their Tyrant Masters the Republic of Genoa, who only had the Authority to call them to Account. That they were resolved to admit no fresh Usurpations; and that so far from thinking any Respect due to French Troops, as such, the resolute Corsicans, the contrary, should esteem them as the inter- meddling Tools of Tyrants, and should exert themselves to dispossess them of the Footing altogether in the Island. And that, for the future, they should expect no more of the like impertinent Messages from those who, being Slaves themselves, were

were on all Occasions ready to reduce others to the like Condition. The French Commandant, nettled at this stinging Reply, has declared the Rebels Enemies to the Grand Monarque, and has dispatched an Account to France by Way of this Port, complaining in high Terms of the Insolence of the Corsican Chief, who he accuses of Brutality, and of threatening to throw his Messenger out of a Window.

October 1. The learned Dr. Bradley has, we hear, for fourteen successive Nights viewed the Comet from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. It is scarcely visible by the naked Eye, and even with the Help of a double Telescope very little of the Tail is discernable. It appears to be in every Instance the Comet foretold, except in its Direction, which proves contrary to what was expected, and is towards the Sun, with very great Rapidity.

October 4. A remarkable Affair happened on board Admiral Watson's Ship at the taking of the French Settlement in the East-Indies. During the Engagement, a young Gentleman (a Midshipman) behaved himself so well, that, as soon as it was over, the Admiral complimented him, and took his Sword from his Side, and made him a Present of it, telling him, it was the Sword he always had in his Hand in the Time of Action, &c. Extract of a Letter from an Officer on board his Majesty's Ship Kent, dated at Calcutta, in the River Bengal, April 8, 1757.

"We have taken Chandernagore, a French Settlement, with the Loss on our Side of 25 Men killed, or since dead, and about 60 wounded. The Enemy suffered almost as bad. There are now in the Kent's Sides 138 Shot, and several through both Sides. During the whole Engagement Admiral Watson was very cool, and very unconcerned in regard to himself; and when he was told that an Officer with a Glass was giving Directions to point a Gun at him, and the Gun was traversed for that Purpose; he answered, "Why then they shall have a fair Shot;" stood still, smiled, and went on after the Bill had passed just by him." The Court has sent to all the Ministers residing with foreign Princes and States, the following Declaration:

"The King being informed of the Representations made by Mr. Mitchell, in Reference to certain Overtures made by his Majesty's Electoral Ministers, in Consequence of what has passed in Germany, hath directed it to be signified to the Minister of the King of Prussia, that it never was the Intention of his Majesty, that the before-mentioned Overtures, made without the Participation of the British Council, should have the smallest Influence upon his Majesty's Conduct as King; he sees precisely in the same Light that he did, the pernicious Union between the Courts of Vienna and Versailles, which menaces the entire Subversion of the System of public Liberty, and the Independence of all the Powers of Europe, and considers as one of the fatal Consequences of so dangerous a Conjunction, that the Court of Vienna has already delivered the Ports of the Low Countries into the Hands of France, contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties: In a Situation so critical as the present, whatever may be the Fate of Arms, his Majesty is determined to act in the closest Concert with the King of Prussia, in order to frustrate, by the most efficacious Means, the unjust and oppressive Designs of their common Enemies; and the King of Prussia may rest assured that the British Crown will continue most scrupulously to fulfil its Engagements with his Prussian Majesty, and to support them with Firmness and Vigour. Done at Whitehall, Sept. 16, 1757.

Sunday a poor Woman, who had expended her All in the Purchase of a Lottery Ticket, on Enquiry at an Office, found it had been drawn 1001. Prize, the sudden News of which had such an Effect upon her, that she fell senseless on the Floor, and it was with great Difficulty that by Bleeding and other Assistance she could be brought to herself; but she remains still so bad, that her Recovery is doubtful.

An Eighth Share of one of the 5000 l. Prizes was the Property of a Cocker (a Scotsman) in Castle-Street, near the Mews: He has received Money for his Share, shut up his Stall, and is preparing to return to his own Country.

One of the Ten Thousand Pound Prizes belongs to a set of Ticket-Porters at the West End of St. Paul's. They immediately burnt their Knotts, old Hats, and Knott-Ropes for Joy, and have very honestly paid off their Ale-House Scores.

Another of the Ten Thousands, it is said, belongs to Six Milk-Women, who clubbed their Three Shillings and Six-Pence a Piece for the Tickets.

A Farmer near Clerkenwell, has got one of the 10,000 l. Prizes; on which Account he has distributed some Money amongst the Poor of the Parish.

NEW-YORK, December 12.
Since our last 18 Transport Vessels arrived here from Cork, under Convoy of his Majesty's Ship the Norwich, of 50 Guns, Capt. Darby. They brought about 1700 Men, 200 of which are Highlanders, and 900 more were to sail from Cork for this Port in a Fortnight after them.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Thomas Seymour, of the Privateer Ship King of Prussia, dated off Cape-Samanna, November 4, 1757, to his Owners in New-York.

"This I send to you, Gentlemen, by our Prize Ship, the Phoenix, which we took off of Cape-Samanna, bound from Louisburg to the Cape: She is a fine Ship, mounts 20 Guns, but her Cargo is of no great Value. I hope our next will be better.—Yesterday I spoke with a Sloop belonging to the Island of St. Thomas, in her Way from the Cape, the Master of which informed me, that there had been a smart Engagement between the English and French, off the Cape: The French Fleet, he says, consisted of Three Ships of the Line, viz. one of 74 Guns, one of 64, and one of 60, and Four Frigates; (the last mentioned Ship is the Greenwich, which they have made a 60 Gun Ship.) The English consisted of the Augusta, Commodore Forrest; the Edinburgh, Capt. Langdon; and the Dreadnought, Capt. —

"The Chief of the French Ships were dismasted in the Engagement; the French Admiral, Commandant, and 700 Men killed, besides great Numbers have since died of their Wounds. The French say they parted by Consent. The English Men of War are gone to Jamaica, and the large French Ships are obliged to lie in the Cape, for Want of Masts. He further informs us, that the Fleet was to sail in Three or Four Days for Old France, under Convoy of Two Frigates. I shall immediately proceed for the Cape, where I expect to be able to pick up such a Share of them, as will be more acceptable than empty Ships; but all is Fish that comes in the Net. I am, Gentlemen, Yours, &c.

Capt. Nicholson, who came in Commander of the above Ship, informs us, That the Snow Mary-Ann, Capt. Shoals, and Brig Hawke, Capt. Valantine, of this Port, has had a smart Engagement with a large French Ship, bound from Rochelle for Cape Francois, in which they were both much disabled in their Sails, Rigging and Masts, and had 7 or 8 Men killed in each Vessel, and many wounded; notwithstanding, they continued to engage her for a considerable Time after, though they could not board her by Reason it blew a fiery Breeze, when, to their great Mortification, she struck to a 40 Gun Ship, and Captain Wayman, in the Privateer King George, of this Port, who came out of Samanna, on seeing the Engagement in the Offing. The Captain of the Man of War was so sensible of the good Conduct and Courage of the Captains Shoals and Valantine, that he gave them Half of the Ship, which they sent down to Jamaica, and is said to be worth 60,000 l. Sterling.

Extract of a Letter from St. Kitts, dated Nov. 7.
"A Vessel is arrived at St. Eustatia from North-America, who fell in with a Fleet of 14 Men of War, 4 Days ago, standing to the Southward; 'tis supposed to be the French Fleet bound to Martinico to winter."

The Privateer Sloop George, Captain Haly, of this Port, has, in Company with Capt. Stephenson of Philadelphia, taken two Dutch Sloops loaded with Indico and Sugar, and carried them into Providence.

ANNAPOLIS, December 25.
This Day his Excellency our Governor, in Council, was pleased further to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province to the 3d Tuesday in January.

On Tuesday last, Lieutenant Riley, of Captain Joshua Beall's Company, brought hither a French Defenter, and a French Cadet, whom he took Prisoner on the 10th Instant, near Fort Cumberland. They came from Fort du Quesne the 27th of November, being Part of a Detachment, which consisted of 2 Officers, 6 Cadets, 20 Soldiers, and 8 Indians.

We hear that the French are building a very strong and large Fort of Stone, on an advantageous Piece of Ground, a little above the Place where Fort du Quesne stands: That the Garrison of Fort du Quesne consists of between 2 and 300 Men; and that there are in Two small Towns, which the French have built near it, upwards of 600 Indians.

Some few Days since, Died in Charles County, after a short Illness, in the Prime of Life, Mr.

RICHARD CHASE, of Baltimore-Town, Practitioner of the Law; a Gentleman well esteem'd by all his Acquaintance, and whose Death is much regretted.

On Sunday the 27th of November, departed this Life, of a pleuritic Fever, much lamented, Mrs. ELIZABETH JENIFER, the virtuous Consort of Mr. DANIEL JENIFER, eldest Daughter of Mr. WALTER HANSON, aged 25 Years. Her amiable Qualities set her in that Point of Light, that very justly gain'd her the Esteem of all who knew her: A little while before her Departure, she took Leave of her Husband, Father, and Friends, that were about her, in a very affectionate Manner, then resign'd herself up to the Will of Heaven, with that Tranquility of Mind, as truly denote her Trust and Confidence in being received into a blessed Immortality.

JUST IMPORTED from BRISTOL, And to be Sold by the Subscriber, on board the Schooner Industry, now lying at ANNAPOLIS, A QUANTITY of FINE SALT, and a few SERVANTS, consisting of Boys and Girls. ABRAHAM WAYNE.

To be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store in Church-Street, between the Church and Mr. Swan's Store, in ANNAPOLIS,

SUNDRY Sorts of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS, very cheap, for ready Money, Bills, or short Credit.

BASIL WHEELER.
ALL RETAILERS of RUM, WINE, and other SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, in Anne-Arundel County, are desired, agreeable to Act of Assembly, to make Entries of the same with the Collector, at his Office in Annapolis. UPTON SCOTT, Sheriff.

To be Sold to the Highest Bidder, on Wednesday the 11th of January next,

A CHOICE Parcel of COUNTRY-BORN SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women, and Children, for Sterling Cash, good Bills of Exchange, or Paper Currency. A short Time will be given for Payment, on giving Security if required.

At the same Time will be Sold, a Parcel of good Horses, Mares, and Colts; and some Cattle and Sheep, for ready Currency.

HENRY GASSAWAY.
N. B. The Sale to begin at 10 o'Clock, and to continue till all is Sold. If Wednesday proves a rainy Day, the Sale to be on the next fair Day.

To be Sold, at the Plantation where William Rawlings now lives, near South-River Church, on Monday the 26th Instant,

SOME Cattle, Milch Cows, Cart-Horses, Carts, Plows, some old Corn, Oats, Rye, Cyder, and some Plantation Utensils. M. MACNEMARA.

THERE is at the Plantation of Richard Mar- rick, living near the Sugar Lands, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a small Skew-Ball Horse, branded on the near Buttock G H, and paces slow.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Swann, near Patowmack, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with a C, and on the near Thigh thus O, about 13 Hands high, and about 7 Years old.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of Thomas Luay, living near the Rev. Mr. Brogden's Chapel, in Prince-George's County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, her near hind Foot and off fore Foot are white; but she is neither branded nor dock'd.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Jeremiah Hays, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a likely Bright Bay Mare, she has a Star in her Forehead, paces pretty well, and is branded on the near Shoulder thus S 8, and on the near Buttock with a B.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.